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1968CI

"Fall 1905"

RUSSIAN ADVANCE IN NORTH CONTINUES

ENGLAND (Grayson): A Bre holds; F Mid-Por; F Eng-Bel; F Hol-Hol; F Kie S F Hel-Hol; F Bel not ordered, dislodged.

FRANCE (Clark): A Spa-Por; F Gas-Bre; A Pic-Bel; F Lyo-Tus; A Mun-Tyr; A Ruh S A Pic-Bel.

GERMANY (Reiter): A Hol-Kie.

ITALY (Prosnitz): F Tyr-Rom; F Nap & A Ven S F Tyr-Rom.

RUSSIA (Bytwerk): F Norway-Norwegian Sea; A St.P-Norway; A Ber-Kie; F Den S A Ber-Kie; A Sil-Ber; A Tyr S TURKISH A Tri-Ven; A Vie-Boh; A Bud-Vie; F Sev holds; A Swe S F Den.

TURKEY (Ver Ploeg): A Tri-Ven; A Ser-Tri; F Ion-Nap; F Rom S F Ion-Nap; F Gre-Ion; A Bul-Gre; F Aeg S F Gre-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. England retreats F Kie-Bal, F Bel-North Sea. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bre, Edi, Liv, Lon, Por. (5)

FRANCE: Bel, Mar, Mun, Par, Spa. (5)

GERMANY: Hol. (1)

ITALY: Nap, Tum, Ven. (5)

RUSSIA: Ber, Bud, Den, Kie, Mos, Nor, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, Vie, War. (12)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Rom, Ser, Smy, Tri. (8)

Russia builds two new units, and Turkey builds one. England and France must each remove one. The deadline for these "Winter 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 12 JULY 1969. Press releases on p. 11.

1968CH

"Winter 1905"

ITALY DEMOBILIZES URBAN FORCES

ENGLAND (Linden): Builds F Lon.
FRANCE (Berman): Builds A Mar.
ITALY (White): Removes F Nap, A Rom.
TURKEY (Lindsay): Builds F Smy.

The deadline for "Spring 1906" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 12 JULY 1969. Press releases are on p. 11.

1968G

"Winter 1911"

RUSSIANS BRACE FOR ATTACK

RUSSIA (Prosnitz): Removes A Sev.

TURKEY (Lebling): Builds A Smy.

The deadline for "Spring 1912" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 12 JULY 1969.

MOSCOW: Unless England and France come to their senses, the Tsar has decided to abandon his territory to the Turks, rather than allow the decadent capitalist imperialists of the west to acquire any of it. Let a word to the wise (or should I say to the foolish) be sufficient,

PARIS: Prudence (Goody) Two-Shoes and her brother Up Right Clear Living are leading a riot protesting sinful sacrifices and low down plays.

A counter riot was led by the way out sisters Phel and Peg fresh for scoring in Pellicular where Ter-Na the Minister of Religious Affairs had attended a preformance of a love-act at which Don Juan was discover. The man who ua reported kills was one de Sade on assisart. The sisters are rumor to be appointed to the combinlege of the French Regent after his marriage to Caules Flora.

Any rumor that Roaz the Merry One is the former Louis-Louise of France freshly returned from Denmark and that Loos the Furry is really Sir Mycroft Holmes are enterely false since Sir Holmes is marrying the bread Heeress and Lous-Louise was delay for her re- (continued on p. 12)

MEDITERRANEAN ALLIANCE BREAKS OUT INTO ATLANTIC

Some of the "Spring 1905" Turkish moves were through an inadvertence not printed in GRAUSTARK #186. Players were informed by mail of these moves. "Spring 1905" moves were:

FRANCE (Ward): A Bre-Gas; F Mid-Spa(s.c.); A Por S F Mid-Spa(s.c.); F Iri S GERMAN F Eng-Mid.

GERMANY (H. Anderson): No moves received. F Norwegian Sea, F Wal, F Eng, A Bur, A Ber, A Mun, & A Sil hold.

ITALY (Comber): A Mar-Bur; F Spa(s.c.) holds; F Tyr-Wes; A Ven-Pie; A Rom-Ven; A Boh & A Bud S TURKISH A Rum-Gal; A Tyr S A Boh.

RUSSIA (Sanders): F Edi-North Sea; A Gal-War; A Ukr holds; A Mos S A Ukr.

TURKEY (Beshara): F North Africa S ITALIAN F Tyr-Wes; F Lyo S ITALIAN F Spa(s.c.); A Rum-Gal; A Vie S A Rum-Gal; A Bul-Rum; A Ser S A Bul-Rum; A Sev-Ukr; A Arm-Sev; F Bla S A Arm-Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. Neither Anderson nor Sanders sent in "Fall 1905" moves, so they were replaced by their stand-bys, Edi Birsan and Christopher Schleicher respectively. Their addresses are:

Birsan, 48-20 39th St., Long Island City, N. Y. 11104

Schleicher, 1535 Dartmouth Lane, Deerfield, Ill. 60015

"Fall 1905" moves are:

FRANCE: F Mid-Spa(s.c.); A Gas & F Por S F Mid-Spa(s.c.); F Iri-Mid.

GERMANY (Birsan): A Sil S A Mun; A Ber S A Mun; A Mun S A Sil; A Bur S FRENCH A Gas-Mar; F Wal-Lon; F Norwegian Sea-Edi; F Eng S FRENCH F Mid.

ITALY: A Boh S TURKISH A Gal-Sil; A Bud S TURKISH A Rum-Gal; F Spa(s.c.) S TURKISH F North Africa-Mid; A Mar S F Spa(s.c.); F Wes S F Spa(s.c.); A Tyr-Mun; A Pie-Mar; A Ven-Tus.

RUSSIA (Schleicher): F North Sea-Hol; A Ukr-Sev; A War holds; A Mos S A War.

TURKEY: A Gal-Sil; A Rum-Gal; A Vie S A Rum-Gal; A Ser-Rum; F Bla S A Ser-Rum; A Sev S A Ser-Rum; A Arm S A Sev; F North Africa-Mid; F Lyo S ITALIAN F Spa(s.c.).

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats A Sil-Pru. France must retreat F Mid-North Atlantic or F Mid-Bre. The direction of this retreat should be sent in with the "Spring 1906" moves, which may be made conditional upon it. The High Combatant Powers control the same supply centers that they did after "1904" (see GRAUSTARK #185) except that Germany and Russia have exchanged Edinburgh and Holland. The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 12 JULY 1969. There are no builds or removals.

BERLIN: To all Western and Northern players: Contact again about developing a stalemate.

PARIS: Dame H. Princetonia Garrigus applauded the spraying of tear gas on dissident students who had seized a vacant lot near the docks as a "People's Park." At a time when we are fighting the Italo-Turkish Menace such levity cannot be tolerated. "Make war, not love - or else!!!!"

THE ADVENTURES OF SECRET AGENT O-O-HATE

Chapter LXXV

Secret Agent O-O-Hate, dedicated foe of the Sinister Forces of World Peace, and his Canadian colleague Sir Harley Davidson stood agnast outside Sir Harley's hotel room, listening to the sounds from within. Was O-O-Hate's teen-age aide Burner (in civilian life Victor Charlie Burner, student at the Blessed Balthasar Gerard Theological Seminary) engaged in un-warlike activities with Sir Harley's teen-age assistant, the mini-skirted Alberta? Or were those words, sighs, and groans subject to a comic mis-interpretation, similar to those in the thousands of old comic books in O-O-Hate's priceless collection?

The two agents broke down the door, and with it all the cliches of serial fiction. Burner and Alberta were indeed fucking like a pair of greased rinks.

"Burner!" exclaimed O-O-Hate, who is really Clark Gansel, mild-mannered comic book collector of Bugle, Pennsylvania. "Think of the Comics Code Authority! Think of the Celibacy Oath which all American heroes take along with their Loyalty Oath! Think of the Man From U. S. S. L. E.! Think of Our Brave Boys in ...or at least stop while I'm talking to you!"

Finding his words unavailing, O-O-Hate took Burner by the scruff of the neck and hauled him away. As the American took his teen-age assistant from the room, Sir Harley said, "I guess we won't be sharing your cab to the airport after all. I've got to stay here and tend to this wayward girl."

O-O-Hate dragged Burner back to their room and shoved him under a cold shower. He held him there for 35 minutes while reading carefully selected passages from the works of Wilhelm Reich, demonstrating how sex interferes with the human instincts towards war, slaughter, conquest, and destruction. After following Reich with the Samson story from the Bible, a recitation from memory of "To Lucasta", and brief homilies relating the dedication of the assassins Charlotte Corday and Gavriela Princip to their virginity, O-O-Hate judged that his wayward young assistant had been cured and restored to his devotion to the American Way of War.

Since the Siunik convention of the Tarpela Society was now over, O-O-Hate and Burner took a rickshaw to the airport. While waiting for their chartered plane from Deltout Airlines, O-O-Hate noticed Sir Harley and Alberta across the terminal. Sir Harley had also severely chastised his teen-age assistant, to judge from her pallid complexion and wobbly knees.

((And so Secret Agent O-O-Hate and Burner foil another threat to the ancient institution of war. Continue their adventures in the next GRAUSTARK, when the International Pacifist Conspiracy unleashes a new menace against them.))

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

ALLAN B. CALHNER: Celebrate the discovery of an all-new ambiguity in the rules, this by Murray Steele. If Austria establishes occupation of Sevastopol, then moves away, then Russia wants to build one, the rules say, "he may place them, one in each unoccupied supply center of his own country only..." Now "un-occupied" might mean

- 1) the absence of Russian pieces.
- 2) the absence of foreign pieces.
- 3) no foreign country has established occupation.

The correct interpretation is 1) plus 3). Steele suggests 1) plus 2) since they seem to use "occupy" in the same sense. 3) uses it in a little different sense. 1) plus 3) is supported by the later clause "If his home supply centers are all occupied by his own units or under foreign domination" but "foreign domination", however obvious, is not defined, as establishment of occupation is.

Realism might support either view.

I think my intended interpretation is supported by simplicity, lack of gin-

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victory, and a preference for the offensive side in the present state of the game, which seems to favor the defense.

The crunch, though, is that under Steele's interpretation Russia could immediately gain another supply center, hence have to place another piece. Since almost invariably the second piece would have to wait to come on, Steele's version would just give Russia a supply center and piece under a certain situation, otherwise leaving her situation altogether unchanged.

((It would do more than that. It would mean that any player who took a home supply center from another player would have to keep that supply center occupied at the end of every fall move for the rest of the game. Otherwise the center's original owner could just order a build on it.

((Here, as in other points over which quibbles have been raised, the rules are not in the least ambiguous. On page 5 of the rulebook, we are informed that "Once occupation has been established, the center may be left vacant as long as the player sees fit, and it will still supply one of his units, unless another Great Power establishes occupation of it...If his home supply centers are all occupied by his own units or under foreign domination...he may not gain units until he recaptures a home supply center and leaves it vacant at the close of a Fall move." Russia cannot build in Sevastopol while Sevastopol is an Austro-Hungarian supply center, because it simply is not a Russian home supply center.))

...Dr. Robert Simons ((of Long Beach State College)) writes, "I am working an experiment with your game 'Diplomacy' and using it as an exercise to teach management organization and policy by using seven teams of five students per team."

DAVID LEBLING, 3 Rollins Court, Rockville, Md. 20852: How about these "war quotes":

"There has unfortunately never been a better means of changing the political, social, or economic status quo than war."

"War is an engine of change and the last engineer of national survival."

"The basic premise of the doctrine of collective security is that a group of states has more chance of intimidating an aggressor than one state. In a world of atomic weapons this premise is laughable."

((Where are these quotes from? The first one is quite similar to some of the famous Thoughts of Mao, who has observed that every war in the present century has had the quite unintended effect of spreading Communism. And certainly the conservative love of war is difficult to account for under these considerations. In previous centuries conservatives realized that war would shake up a world they wanted left unshaken. For this reason the brilliant conservative satirist Aristophanes attacked the Peloponnesian War, and the Tory statesman of Queen Anne's reign sold out their continental allies by backing together the Peace of Utrecht. But today's conservative, while decrying the growth of the power of government, eagerly promotes the growth of the American military, than which nothing is more conducive to strong centralized governmental power.))

LEHARD LA'OFKA, 1806 North Richmond, Chicago, Ill. 60647: I would like to send in my \$1.00...but...I would like to know a few things. Do I get 10 'zines in sequence or just the ones that have my game in it?

...While I'm at it, how many words per press release as a limit? How many weeks do I have for each move? Do you have a set of rules for all games? If yes how much does it cost? Is the first move a power move or does Diplomacy begin at once?

((Subscription costs and game costs are quite different. A person playing in a game will receive all issues of GRAUSTARK published from the listing of country assignments to the conclusion of the game. He receives them even if he is eliminated from the game, or dropped for failure to submit moves, so long as the Gamesmaster has a currently valid address for him. However, the subscription (either paid or through participation in a game) ceases if a GRAUSTARK comes back in the mail from his address.

((For people not playing in a current game, or who do not trade their own postal Diplomacy or other war games bulletin, subscriptions to GRAUSTARK are 10 issues for \$1.00. If someone enters a game while a paid subscription of this

sort is in effect; his subscription is held over, and continues when the game ends.

((Above deadlines are two weeks apart. There is no limit on the length of press releases, which may be submitted by players or non-players. Press releases are strongly encouraged by GRAUSTARK.

((The rules used in GRAUSTARK games were last published in #168. Since copies of that issue are almost all gone, they will be reprinted if and when the Contest Winners' Game gets under way. This, the only new game now being organized in GRAUSTARK, is limited to free entries given to the winners of various contests printed in this publication. For information on the "This Land is Whose Land?" and "Department of Unhistory" contests, see elsewhere in this issue.))

DAVID LINDSAY, 2245 Fairmont Parkway, Erie, Penn. 16510: Keep up the good work. GRAU is good. But please - who the Hell is Bangs Leslie Tapscott? Give us new readers a break!

((Bangs Leslie Tapscott is alive and well in the Desert of Deseret.))

ROB WALTER, 1575 A White Drive, Pantoul, Ill. 61866: Speaking of stamps, not only has Conrad the Inconstant accepted a Ford stamp, he has franked a letter with the American Legion one.

Since one's acceptance of the Ford stamp is predicated on one's side in World War II, I take it that those who refuse it are for the Nazis. I accept it, and I'm for the Allies. QED. ((It was the Nazis who gave Ford the medal, and who circulated his anti-Jewish book all over the world.)) I suppose by your (and Conrad's) "logic", we ought not to put Abraham Lincoln on a stamp because he believed that Negroes were inferior. Do you refuse \$5 bills?

...I will be most pleased to have you point out a single passage I have ever written - or published - which, taken in context, can be reasonably labeled "war-worship". It is one thing to attach such formidable labels, John, and it is another to put your evidence where your mouth is. And I strongly suggest you do just that or retract that utterly ridiculous statement.

As I think I have mentioned before, the furthest I am willing to go with war is that it is an instrument of policy which cannot be denied to the modern nation-state. My attitude toward Vietnam is merely that we did not err in considering the option of war in that case, but we did err in accepting that option. Unfortunately, the American public becomes overly wrought whenever anybody talks about "communism", so we put ourselves in a position from which it is very difficult to extricate ourselves.

((This last matter is not an unfortunate happenstance, but a basic element of present U. S. policy. There are many thousands of men in high places in industry and the Pentagon whose own careers and high incomes depend upon a continuation of heavy arms spending. So they keep the public inflamed with a Red menace whose alleged existence justifies the continuation of their own comfortable existences.

((If what you call "the option of war" is removed from these men, the panicky anti-Communism which they have generated will follow in due course. This involves not merely ending specific wars such as Vietnam, or specific arms programs such as ABM and MIRV. As the Wall Street Journal pointed out on 5 July 1968, "Budget makers have the...word from the Pentagon that it would take \$8 billion to \$10 billion a year more just to pay for the level of defense that cost \$50 billion annually prior to the mid-1965 Vietnam escalation. And that may be only the beginning of the Pentagon's pressures on the post-Vietnam budget. 'I can easily see that Joint Chiefs of Staff asking for \$10 billion more than that to take care of things they've been putting off because of the war,' says a high fiscal official. Officials expect the brass will be able to muster sizable support for such big-ticket items as anti-missile defense, housing for military families, and new combat aircraft.))

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CHRISTOPHER SCHLEICHER, 1535 Dartmouth Lane, Deerfield, Ill. 60015: Are Victor Charlie Burner's activities with Alberta considered Comparative Anatomy by the Blessed Balthazar Gerard Theological Seminary? Or are they considered to be the promotion of international affairs through personal (very personal) contact? Perhaps Burner is merely probing Alberta for information? Will we find out in the next episode of "The Adventures of Secret Agent O-O-Hato"?

((You already have; see p. 3. Recently, in a Senate speech urging an encouragement of domestic oil production, Senator Russell Long (Dem., La.) put forward as a serious possibility a war with Canada. He called in the War of 1812 as a precedent. So an encouragement of Canadian-American relations is certainly necessary.

((As for the curriculum of the B. B. G. T. S., I can assure you that if offers no course in Comparative Anatomy. Since most of the things that people consult clergymen about are really due to malfunctions of their own physiologies, courses in anatomy would defeat the whole purpose of a theological seminary.))

TERRY KUCH, 4242 East West Highway, Chevy Chase, Md. 20015: ((Kuch sends along a postcard from George Inzer, 116 Cox St., Auburn, Ala. 36830, on which is rubberstamped the messare "War Eagle" together with an eagle in outline.)) THIS eagle, in contrast to the one on the Legion stamp, has only a LEFT wing...I've written Inzer asking him just what a WAR EAGLE! is.

Do you think that the design of the Legion stamp itself is a subtle piece of anti-Legion propaganda? After all, most government workers, at least at the working level, are left of center. (Goldwater did worse in Washington than anywhere else in the country, and a black militant came out #1 in a recent city-wide school board race.)

...Please announce in GRAUSTARK that I have three slots left in a new Lonely Mountain game, fee \$3. ((It is so announced. All those new subscribers who want to get into games should take up Dr. Kuch on this offer.))

How about a contest to pick the ugliest flag? Most of them are, & only a few are really attractive. Among the attractive ones, I think, are the state of Maryland and the U. N. Most of the others could pass for souvenir neckerchiefs.

((Leaving aside the Bear Flag because of my native son's bias, I think the best looking state flag is New Mexico's. The New York flag, and indeed those of most of the eastern states, are wretchedly designed. The New York City flag is good, however. Among foreign countries the Central African Republic has the most garish flag.))

EDI BIRSAW, 48-20 39th St., Long Island City, N. Y. 11104: I noticed that Rod Walker put forth an argument for the need to fight at times. I am in total agreement with this philosophy. There are things in this world worth fighting for and if necessary worth dying ((sic)) for. For example my country.

I have patriotism and would fight for the defense of my country. I have pride and honor and would fight to keep my country proud and honorable. I have respect and would fight to see that all my countrymen are respected. Is this so far fetched?

It is for these reasons that I can see rioting and revolting on a college campus. I love my country and when I see it being directed by a bunch of mental dwarfs that are incapable of making a foreign or domestic policy of any value I can not remain inactive. When I see my country being led into the hell fires of an unhonorable war it is my moral obligation to see that the desires of the people are heard and acted upon. When I see my countrymen disregard the basic human value of respect, is it not my love of my country that forces me to fight if necessary to remove or restrict those people who can not respect their fellow countrymen?

So you see Rod, you can not on the one hand suggest that at times nations must fight, and then say that people shouldn't.

I also noticed that Snolik put forth the argument that we have to fight wars to keep the population down. My I suggest that he start his own campaign by taking a long walk on a short pier.

TERRY KUCH: You should publish the name of the author of the Pigasus J. Pig press releases ((in 1968CH)). They're excellent.

((Thank you. They're ALL My Own Work, as the sidewalk artists say.))
DEREK NELSON, 18 Granard Blvd., Scarborough, Ontario: Revolution is never desirable, repeat never...The USA did not have a revolution in 1776, or for that matter anytime. The closest it came was Jackson in 1840 (?) and FDR in 1932, & 1776 of course. And that wasn't even close.

...You've advocated political murder. See Pauls in past Kipples for the difference between self-defense and "counter-attack".

Zionist conspirac-? Well, get a hold of the American Council of Judaism analysis of New York Times reporting of Israel, Zionism, Jews, etc. And then there was the visit of the Moscow rabbi...

To Beshara: The imperfections of man are born into him. Society does nothing more than shape their direction and limit their power. And by what process of reasoning does John Beshara's ethics necessarily correspond with anyone else's ethics; i. e., in a permissive society where the individual conscience is king (the USA) his ethical foundation is only as relevant as anyone else's, including Peery and Wallace.

Beshara is equally irresponsible as Wallace. He lives in affluence, to a good age in reasonable health. ((Only someone who is affluent can have reasonable health in our society.)) Millions don't. He is ethically responsible by his own reasoning. Not only should he feel guilty, but he should cut his income, his life expectancy and his health to condone for his actions.

...In case you're interested, the official status of Jutland Jollies is this: we will publish one more issue which will contain the finish of two (or maybe three) of the four games we carry. All games are presently being carried on by mail and photostat on an irregular time basis. After that JJ will be suspended and (I believe) John Koning will take over the remaining game. ((Koning's address is 318 S. Belle Vista, Youngstown, Ohio 44509.))

...Political assassinations are 'good' things or 'bad' things depending on whom was killed and why. That, as I understand it, is your position. ((That's right.)) The first question that comes to my mind then is the source of authority which allows you to decide between what is 'good' and what is 'evil'. If you rely upon your conscience (as modern theory, lib version, suggests) then your arguments become absurd. Sirhan and Oswald relied upon their consciences too. With one possible exception, no religion can give you the moral backing since you do not subscribe to any of them. The exception of course is Marxism (or 'scientific materialism' if you prefer that term). In that case what is moral is defined as that which advances man towards his inevitable historical destiny, and evil is defined as that which opposes this movement in history. Is this the source of your authority? Please enlighten me.

But whatever your source of authority it is not the same as mine. I tend to discredit the existence of gods and devils, whether they are conjured up by a Marx or a Christ. In industrial societies the highest form of authority is Law - as defined by the interaction of legislatures and courts.

And in any society ruled by Law political assassination is called murder, and is so treated in the statute books. So all political killings in the United States are murder - whatever the motives of the killers. ((If you repeat those words in Georgia about the murder of Lemuel Penn, or in Alabama about the murders of James Reeb or Viola Liuzzo, or in Mississippi about the murders of Till, Evers, Schwerner, Chaney, or Goodman you render yourself liable to charges of slander or contempt. Their murderers were all "acquitted" by those courts you trust so highly.)) In Russia and South Africa, which tend away from Law, political killings are still murder, for the Law in such cases is quite plain. Mussolini's killing could only doubtfully be classed as an 'assassination'. A war was raging, several governments claimed legality, and so on. I don't know enough about the case to judge it.

...I expected an earlier comment (with all sorts of editorial judgments) when you discovered some of the functions of our Suffield station. Didn't you see the hour and a half NBC (?) special on CBW? There was quite a bit of film from Suffield, for while the US government wouldn't cooperate this the TV researchers at all, our Department of Defense wasn't so touchy.

...By the way, on assassinations: a totalitarian society, by definition, does not have the rule of law. Law protects as well as prohibits. Totalitarian states operate by rule and decree, not law. (Even in the West there are tendencies that way - look at the NLRB, the FCC, and so on.) There are only a few totalitarian states today - like Red China, Haiti, Cuba, North Korea, and North Vietnam. There are some maybes like East Germany.

Refer Arendt's The Origins of Totalitarianism for a more formal explanation.

BRENTON VER PLOEG, Apt. 503, 6241 W. Winthrop, Chicago, Ill. 60626: I noted somewhat with surprise, and only on the third perusal of GRAU, that you had printed one of the letters I wrote you while in Vietnam. ((See GRAUSTARK #184, p. 7.)) While it is true that I fall under some of the indictments (i. e., I have not been an advisor, I may have done more shacking than 'living', etc.) I don't really think that's too serious an indication that my ability to testify on the war is minimal. After all, I hardly claim to have expertise in the area of what the individual thinks up in the highlands, nor do I purport to know what high officers are thinking. Nevertheless, I wonder sometimes if that's particularly material. It IS important to know the attitudes of the servicemen in Vietnam, and it takes no inordinately acute amount of perception to discern the dislike which the locals have for the Americans. My aim is not to tell anyone what the Vietnamese people are like (was that what I was supposed to do?) but rather to register some impressions on the war. If that is something incomplete, after a year over there, perhaps the shortcoming is in the mind of the beholder.

...I will be interested in Rod's reaction ((to the letter in #184)) and also to see if there is any reaction by CID forces. Incidentally your "sic" apparently relates to my use of CS in describing the germades. ((No, it refers to the engagingly original spellings which you give to that word.)) This is entirely correct. "CS" is a type of germade that emits tear gas, the same gas as used at Berkeley, incidentally. Just thought I'd clear that up for your own information.

...It has always seemed to me that there was a great deal of irony which goes unrecognized on the Dippy scene. Or, perhaps, it's just that if I were writing such things, I would be writing them ironically. For instance, your comment, in your letter to me, that you were going to see who the better hawk was - Snolik or Walker. When, of course, there is no comparison; either in degree, or, to a large extent, in kind.

Snolik, of course, is unbelievable. In fact, had you not enclosed the address, I might have accused you of inventing him as a supplement to the double-O Hate satire. I am, however, overjoyed to hear that he enlisted. Not only is he richly deserving of such agonies, but when he sees the marvelous efficiency of his organization, I'm certain he'll even manage to change his mind. It's as you say; with real-life characters like that around, it's hard to write satire.

On the other hand, Walker has a point. I rather have the feeling that you KNOW Walker is not what you portray him to be. I know better, and I suspect that you do also. Ideologically, I suppose that I am somewhere between you and he. We are all Atheists; but I am, I fear, somewhat more cynical than you. Though I would ascribe to Nietzsche rather than Ayn Rand, whom I consider to be a rather poor impersonation. On the other hand, while I oppose many of the same things that Walker does (ABM, as an example) and feel that some wars are probably worth fighting (WWII); I lean more towards your view that the old formula of patriotism hardly fills the bill. Pacifism, could it be spread world-wide, would be beneficial, there is no doubt. But it's also doubtful that there is much hope for that. With each passing year, the United States falls a bit further behind the times, and it may soon be too late to revive it without massive, and sudden, restructuring.

I hope for the world, though, rather splits the ground. I am, I fear, forced to admit that man has a stubborn streak of aggressiveness in him. Nevertheless, to say that this must manifest itself in wars is the height of the ridiculous. We need a frontier, it seems to me, and I hope that the moon and beyond provides us with one.

((That's a good idea, but the Special Study Group (1963-66) didn't seem to think that the space frontier would command the urgency and commitment that a war would. Now if we could only persuade people that Green Monsters were coming to get us....))

But I'm digressing. What I wanted to do was "to ASK you if you are doing as I perceive: intentionally setting Walker up as a straw man. As between Walker and Gary Gyax, I'm not certain that you're doing Gary a favor by allowing him to write those open letters, particularly when you contrast it with Rod's letter, since Gary's style suffers considerably. ((Oh, you noticed that, too?)) But maybe I am prejudiced in favor of the debater style of one, two, three, those are my points, etc. Well, you know. But I DO have to state that, in a strictly literary sense, tempered with wit, that Walker comes out far superior. Not, perhaps, in concept, but certainly in effect. Do you really feel that he's a raving hawk? True, I do not quite understand how a man could VOLUNTARILY spend all those years in the service, but what he says is true: MANY career men don't like the service. Nevertheless, it was their decision...I can't really say that I have a great deal of sympathy. The OCS route was open to me too, and I simply couldn't endure the thought. But Walker only has a summer to go in the Air Force, and, considering the fact that his objective views are probably not nearly as far right as many of your readers, is it possible to continue to adhere to your view of him as an avid hawk? Actually, I think he does overplay the military preparedness angle, and he debunks the danger of the Military-Industrial Complex, but all in all, I would say he's rather significantly left of center.

((So are Herman Kahn, Henry Kissinger, Adam Yarmolinsky, and for that matter Lyndon Baines Johnson.))

1967U

"Spring 1921"

RUSSIANS REGAIN BALTIC SHORE

GERMANY (M. Miller): A Sil-Gal; A Liv-War; A Pru S A Liv-War; F Bal-Bot; A Swe-Fin; F Den-Bal; A Ber-Sil; A Mun S A Ber-Sil; A Kie-Ber; A Bur holds; A St.P not ordered, holds.

ITALY (Clark): A Boh S GERMAN A Sil-Gal; A Tyr-Vie; A Pie-Tyr; A Ven S A Pie-Tyr; F Ion-Alb; F Adr S F Ion-Alb; F Tun-Ion; F Nap.& F Tyr S F Tun-Ion; F Wes-Tun.

GERMANY (G. Heap): A Mos-Liv; A War S A Mos-Liv; A Sev-Mos.

TURKEY (Beshara): A Con-Bul; A Vie-Boh; A Gal S A Vie-Boh; A Tri holds; A Ser S A Tri; F Alb-Adr; F Gre-Ion; F Aeg & F Eas S F Gre-Ion; A Ukr S RUSSIA A War.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Germany army in Livonia and the Turkish fleet in Albania are dislodged and annihilated.

Since so few players are left in 1967U, moves in this game have been taken off the regular two-week schedule. Instead, players are requested to get their moves in regularly, and the moves will be adjudicated when all four players have sent them in. These moves are then sent out to the players by carbon copy, and the next moves are called for on the same basis.

John Beshara's frequent moves of late have delayed moves in this game. His "Spring 1921" moves were postmarked 12 June, and only arrived 8 days later. This page of GRAUSTARK with these moves is being printed on 21 June, and will be mailed out to all 4 players. If their "Fall 1921" moves come in by 28 June, they will be adjudicated and printed on the next page. Otherwise they will be sent out by carbon copy, and printed in GRAUSTARK #188.

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DEPARTMENT OF UNHISTORY

Recently, in the letter column, there has been some discussion of the 1934 American Legion plot to overthrow President Roosevelt and replace him by a military dictatorship. This plot, which is documented in Albert E. Kahn's book High Treason and in New York Times reports of 1934 and 1935 indexed under the name of General Smedley Butler (USMC), has disappeared from the history books, and few people know about it now. There is much other "un-history" of this sort, which has so embarrassed various people in power that very little is now known of it.

The newest GRAUSTARK quiz is based on these events. The reader answering correctly the greatest number of the following questions will receive a free entry in a GRAUSTARK postal Diplomacy game now being organized. The deadline for receipt of entries is four weeks from the date of publication of this issue of GRAUSTARK.

1. In the 1850's the American adventurer William Walker tried to conquer some central American countries, take over their governments, and then add them to the United States as states. He failed. Name three states where this technique was successful.
2. What President of the United States was a member of the Ku Klux Klan?
3. What Chief Justice of the United States was a member of the Ku Klux Klan?
4. What ex-President of the United States later turned traitor?
5. What President of the United States, strongly influenced by his southern-born wife, was responsible for tightening up and enforcing racial segregation laws in the District of Columbia?
6. What President of the United States stumped the country urging the assassination of his political adversaries?
7. What President of the United States had Negro ancestry?
8. Who originated the phrase "war to end war", and in what context?
9. Whose idea was the Monroe Doctrine, and why was it proclaimed?
10. What U. S. general issued an order expelling all Jews from the region under his military jurisdiction?

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

In the London Times of 9 March 1969, Alan Brien reports on the Games People Play in New York. ("Even at one of the most good-tempered games evenings, a British visitor is apt to find his reactions shuttling rapidly from condescension to panic, to grim determination not to be the worst player. He begins to suspect that if our intellectuals put into their work a tenth of the ingenuity, cunning, imagination and ruthlessness their American counterparts put into their leisure, the balance-of-payments crisis would be over.")

Brien reports that the composer Stephen Sondheim is an enthusiastic collector and designer of board games. (His collection includes "a rather tasteless Victorian item, donated by the Brien family, and called 'the New and Original Game of the Jew'.") Sondheim's most recent product is "The Great Conductor Hunt", a three-board game in which four student pieces attempt to capture the Leonard Bernstein piece and replace him as conductor of the New York Philharmonic.

Other new games were on exhibit at the 66th annual Toy Center trade fair, including Seduction ("...a new variation on the oldest game in the world to captivate the fun-loving adult..."), Chug-a-Lug, and Propaganda. This last one might have application to the writing of press releases and letters to the editor. And of course the Avalon-Hill battle reconstructions are also mentioned.

Diplomacy, invented by Allan B. Calhauer, is copyright 1961 by Games Research Corp., 48 Warcham St., Boston, Mass. Sets are available from Games Research or from any well-stocked department or game store. Maps are 5¢ each, and rulebooks \$1, from the publisher of GRAUSTARK.

1968CH - PRESS RELEASES

CHARLESTON, I. C. (7 Nov. 1903, Eeben Press): Governor-General Bulmer today explained the source of supposed press releases from "Washington" regarding the activities of the Pig Administration. "Since taking over New England, we have had trouble with certain subversive groups; especially the Pernused Union of Left Liberals since its amalgamation with the Society for Harassing Internal Tyrants. BULM-SHIT has been operating a clandestine press office and radio transmitter in the ruins of Brooklyn, which has just been broken up. You will remember, of course, that the former United States are under secure Imperial-Mexican rule, and Pigasus Pig is dead.

OSLC (6 Mar. 1906, Eeben Press): Since the collapse of the Russian Empire, and the usurpation by a Jihad under Nasrib of Ide, whole Russian divisions have been deserting to the Norwegian National Liberation Front. It is only a matter of time until the united forces of liberation, supported by the People's Republic of Germany, push on to Moscow.

WASHINGTON: President Pigasus J. Pig refused to acknowledge reports about an alleged foreign occupation of the United States of Amerika. "We can never spread the Pig Way of Life over the entire earth," he told a press conference, "if we keep worrying about unrest here at home. How could we build the Safe-Lard system of Cani-Ballistic Missiles if we gave any credence to these reports of unrest in Brooklyn, Charleston, or such places?"

"Besides," he told the press, "We, Pigasus J. Pig, are without question the rightful ruler of the United States of Amerika. In the last elections I ran first, second, and third in every state."

1968CI - PRESS RELEASES

CONSTANTINOPLE (12 Sept. 1905, SPC): Our beloved Sultan Yukt today took an entire six hours off from the rigors of the conference room to quietly scream with apoplexy concerning remarks from Paris which seem to have disconcerted him somewhat. He was to be firmly asserting the intent of the Yুদ্ধish empire to "resist any French demands to get any of them". When later informed by a reporter of the Sultan's Puppet Press that he might have possibly misunderstood the press release, he sheepishly explained that it's very easy to not hear the 'd' sound of 'hordes', and, accordingly, dismissed the French statement as war propaganda, since the Sultan is well renowned across Europe for his almost total lack of concern for the carnage that is the European war.

ROME (6 Oct. 1905, SPP): Since it has been over four years since the local Turkish Fleet has received military orders of any nature, the fleet commander, a 13 year old Basic Seaman who is currently senior among the men who have not deserted, thought it might be nice to wander around the streets of Rome. It seems Italian women are not only more desirable than many of the delicate flowers of Islam, but are also available, while nearly all young women in Turkey have a tendency to be rounded up for use as "secretaries" by the enveys of our beloved Sultan. The fleet had thought about staying around for another season, but may alternately decide to disband and mix with the hills and valleys of Italy. It might also be nice to see the countryside, but that will be delayed until the other matter is disposed of.

AUSTRIA to ITALY: Eat leaden death mother-jumper!!

LONDON: King George announces that the war has entered a new phase. He declined to comment on what was meant by that, but did advise all who were interested to notice what was transpiring between the French and the Russians in Germany. Our former allies and/or our former enemies might find themselves bound closely to us - more closely than they had expected last year.

POLLUTIDAR: Perfidious who?

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turn for Denmark by the birth of her child.

Sir Holmes reported to have incorporated her in his new book call To Denmark With Need featuring A. Conan Doyle as 007.5 and whose billion is one "Lush Merlin" the son of (why replete it).

A certain Yevgenuy has received great press notice when he combined I Am Furious (Crimson) with a Happie Tablet and called it I Am Arrested (Tablet).

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

There have been absolutely no entries in the "This Land is Whose Land?" contest from GRAUSTARK #185, in which 10 fictional countries were given. Readers were asked to name as many of the works as they could from which these countries were taken. The winner will get a free entry into a GRAUSTARK game.

The deadline for this contest is hereby extended to NOON, SATURDAY 26 JULY 1969. In this issue, on p. 10, is another new contest, "The Department of Unhistory", which has the same deadline. The winners of these two contests will be entered free of charge in a new postal Diplomacy game, which will have a full board by that time.

Allan B. Calhamer's address, omitted from his letter on p. 3, is, 518 N. Spring Ave., La Grange Park, Ill. 60525.

Jim Sanders, after pleading to be made a stand-by in a GRAUSTARK game, has left without leaving a forwarding address. This is the last of a good many problems which your Gamesmaster and others have had with Sanders' unreliability, and a time has come to call a halt. Jim Sanders is accordingly barred from entry into any further GRAUSTARK games - an exclusion which previously has been applied only to the notorious Paul Harley.

The OPERATION AGITATION colophon on p. 5 is common to all my publications, but a few errors in the enumeration have recently appeared. GRAUSTARK #186 was OA #402, and this issue is #404.

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Mao Tse-tung is over thirty!